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THE GREAT TELESCOPE AT CAM BRIDGE, MASS

To the Editor of the Inquirer : Permit me through the medium of thy Permit me through the medium of thy paper to make known the result of an evening's opportunity, which, on the 15th inst. it was my rich privilege to enjoy, in the examination of various celestial objects with the gigantic Equatorial Telescope recently exected in the New Observatory at Cambridge.

It is known to the public generally that It is known to the public generally that for several years past preparations have been in progress at Cambridge for the mounting of this noble instrument, which, during the same period, has been in course of construction at Munich, in Germany. In view of the immense pains and cost involved, it was an interesting and fearful question whether its performance would equal the anticipations so long and anxiously indulged by the parties interested; and before speaking of this, it may be useful briefly to advert to some of its properties, though a far more extended and scientific description speaking of this, it may be useful orient to advert to some of its properties, though a far more extended and scientific description of it will doubtless be prepared by the able director of the Observatory, Wm. C. Bond, and ultimately published by the committee

of examination,
The pier on which it rests is of masonry consisting of blocks of granite. It is a fus-trom of a cone, 20 feet in diameter at its base, and 10 at its top, and 40 feet in height; its base, however, is twenty feet below the surface of the ground. On its flat and level top is placed the pedestal, to which the telescope is attached. It is a huge block of granite, thirteen tons in weight, hand-somely wrought, and of a construction adapted to the equatorial apparatus, consisting of prodecous masses of brass, and ing of ponderous masses of brass, and weighing, with the tube, certainly not less than four tons; and yet so ingeniously and perfectly is friction evaded, that the merest child can give it motion, and direct it to

any point in the heavens.

The object-glass of the instrument is fifteen inches in diameter in the clear; its focal length is twenty-three feet, and the length of the instrument, including the sli-ding tube, about twenty-four feet. That the reader may not deceive himself

That the reader may not deceive himself by comparing these dimensions with those of the telescope constructed by Sir William. Herschel, or the greater one more recently made by Lord Rosse, he may be reminded that these are reflecting telescopes, with metallic mirrors, and for equal duty, with the exception of what is termed spacepenetrating power, must greatly exceed in Suffice it to say, then, that the telescop

at Cambridge is of the refracting kind, its optical duties being performed by lenses and to obtain a lens of fifteen inches is diameter, of a sufficient purity to represent the object in perfect shape and color, unde high magnifying powers, is an art of incon-ceivable difficulty, and at present, I believe, has never been successfully accomplished has never been successfully accomplished by any other establishment than the one in which this telescope was manufactured. The secret was imparted by the lamented Fraunhoffer, and so fearfully tenacious are they of the minutæ of the movements that it is said they are unwilling to use any other poker to stir the melted mass than that which was employed by that illustrious man. No larger refracting telescope, has ever been in successful operation in the world. the world.

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It is of corresponding size with the boasted instrument at the imperial Observatory at Pulkova, manufactured at the same establishment; but the Cambridge lens is warranted to be as good, and by the maker believed to be better. This was the maker believed to be better. This was also the opinion of Simms, the celebrated manufacturer of England, who was employed to inspect the lenses, side by side. The immense labor necessary in mounting and adjusting an instrument of this construction and magnitude, without previous practice or experience, was greatly diminished by those preparations which the skill and ingenuity of the director enabled him to effect, while the instrument and its vari-

ished by those preparations which the skill and ingenuity of the director enabled him to effect, while the instrument and its various equipments were in Germany; but the period since its crivial has not yet been sufficient to render the adjustment perfect, nor is it at present pretended to be fully prepared for use.

To counteract the apparent diurnal motion of the celestial objects, which is continually throwing them out of the field of ordinary telescopes, (a great annoyance especially when high powers are employed, a clock work is attached to the equatorial axis, so constructed as to give to the instrument a quiet and steady sidereal motion, contrary to the motion of the earth, and which by a slight modification may be applied to the solar or lunar metion; but it is generally sufficient when adjusted to a star. The effect of this arrangement is to keep the object for several hours constantly in the centre of the field of view.

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The night of the 15th was by no means a favorable one. With the exception of scattering cirri, it was cloudless, but the stmosphere was smoky, as it had been for the previous fortnight. The first object to which, at my request, the telescope was directed was the planet Venus, invisible to the naked eye, it being yet daylight. The instrument was, however, adjusted to the right ascension and declination of the planet, and the clock work set is motion, when the object made its appearance in the centre of the field, and, although veiled in smoke, and obscured in daylight, it met the eye with a glare. What will be the effect of a view of this planet, in the absence of twilight, in a clear, autumnal evening, can only fourteen degrees from the horizon.—The intervening dense atmosphere of the strument, were not sufficient to prevent a rich display of its disc, half illuminated, and much resembling the moon at the quarter, except a dusky hue, which I altributed to the dense atmosphere of the planet was considered by the necessity of catching a glumpes at the moon, still nearer the horizon, and laready the necessity of catching a glumpes at the moon, still nearer the horizon and already the necessity of catching a glumpes at the moon, still nearer the horizon and already the necessity of catching a glumpes at the moon, still nearer the horizon and already the necessity of catching a glumpes at the moon, still nearer the horizon and already the necessity of catching a glumpes at the moon, still nearer the horizon, and already the necessity of catching a glumpes at the moon at linear the horizon, and already the necessity of catching a glumpes at the moon, still nearer the horizon, and already the necessity of catching a glumpes at the moon at linear the horizon, and already the necessity of catching a glumpes at the moon at linear the horizon, and already the necessity of catching a glumpes at the normal planet. The planet was adjusted to the dense file infusion was much above the midisting and from the stimus high the th ment; but our opportunity was abridged by the necessity of catching a glimpse at the moon, still nearer the horizon, and already veiling herself with cirri.

The first object on the lunar surface that met by eye was the yawning gulf Endyminon, wide, deep, and dark; the line of illumination leaped from side to side, leaving a frightful gap between. The mountains generally stood out in bold relief, casting shall be a midnight, indeed the side. erally stood out in bold relief, casting sha-dows black as midnight; indeed, the entire length of the line dividing the light from the

ruin of unspeakable magnificence. The clock work was badly adjusted when the moon set. Notwithstanding the brevity of the opportunity and the obscurity of the moon, I satisfied myself of the existence of the gray light spoken of by Schroter, indicating a twilight only compatible with the existence of a lunar atmosphere; a far more favorable opportunity is probably near at hand, and this mooted question will be set at rest.

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ed under favorable circumstances in this latitude by a five feet equatorial.

The telescope was now directed to the close double star Eta Corona. Close indeed it has been of late years, having set at defiance most of the telescopes in the world. It was at one time a test object for telescopes, but it has recently been closed. It nevertheless yielded to our power at once, and the dark thread which separated it could not have measured more than onethird of a second.

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The instrument was next adjusted to the annular nebula between Beta and Gamma, in the constellation of the Lyre, and the clock-work being applied, an opportunity was afforded me, which I had often craved, for a deliberate survey of an object which with smaller and less powerful instruments had deeply interested me. With ordinary instruments it appears to be a ring or wreath, being entirely vacant in the centre, not unlike what we might suppose to be the appearance of the Milky way viewed as a whole at an immense distance. Seen through the Cambridge telescope, it is no longer a ring, its centre is no longer dark, but filled with a multitude of small faint stars. Lord Rosse's powerful reflected represented the interior as nebulous, a circumstance of which I was not aware when at Cambridge, and hence did not speak of its revolvability, but I am quite sure the individual stars though faint, were distinctly seen.

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The double star 61 Cygni now engaged our attention; thus honored only on account of the rank it holds in the history of science being memorable for the researches of Bessel, to whom it revealed its parallex. I was struck, however, with the small neat round disc of the individual stars, giving additional evidence to that already obtained from their annual motion, that distant as they may be by our means and modes of measurement, these bodies are comparatively near.

Search was now made for the double-headed shot, or dumb-bell nebula, as its called, situated in the Fox's breast. The instrument was set to its position, and it appeared in the field. The discussed in the start of the sum of the double instrument was set to its position, and it appeared in the field. The discussed in the field of the discussed in the field. The discussed in the field of the discussed in the field. The discussed in the field of the discussed in the field. The discussed in the field of the discussed in the field. The discussed in the field of the discussed in the field. The discussed in the field of the discussed in the field of the discussed in the field. The discussed in the field of the discussed in the field of the discussed in the field. The discussed in the field of the discussed in the called, situated in the Fox's breast. The instrument was set to its position, and it appeared in the field. The director had scarcely applied his eye to the telescope before he expressed the opinion that the nebula was resolved. The assistant sbserver was then called upon to examine it, and repeatedly said "it is resolved."

I then applied my own eye and found it to consist of closely packed but of individual stars. I am thus minute because this had been uniformly numbered among the irresolvable nebulae. It was first discovered by Messier many years since, and described by IND

ntly himself, through the Cambridge instrument a the centre of the field of view. his astonishment would be unwiterable. No The night of the 15th was by no means new feature was exhibited; but its beauty

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NEGRO STEALING .- A white man was recently caught in the act of stealing several negroes in liberty county, Georgia. He had them on their way to Florida, where he pro-

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This star was examined in 1852 by Sir J. Herschel, with his twenty feet reflector, when he only saw a round disc without a companion.

The point of faint light also, near Alpha Capricorni, which President Smyth says long baffled his researches, was boldly exhibited by the Cambridge instrument. Sir John Herschel was led to suppose that this object was seen by reflected light, a field of investigation which will not be likely to escape the attention of the Cambridge observers.

The campanion of Antares, though observers.

The campanion of Antares, though observed by haze and smoke, was very conspicuous. Sir J. Herschel, while at the Cape of Good Hope, could not have missed it for a moment if he had turned his telescope upon it, inasmuch as it may be detected under favorable circumstances in this latitude by a five feet equatorial.

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